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Local Teachers Picket to Protest "Fruitless" Bargaining Session; Administration "More Optimistic"

By Tom Shamanski

An estimated 70 Romulus teachers picketed the regular meeting of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education on Monday, April 13, 1992, According to teacher and union spokesperson, Terry Bird, the picketing was in protest of a recent bargaining session, which, he said, had proved to be "fruitless."

The session, held on Wednesday, April 8, was conducted under the auspices of the an Employment Relations Commission, with Richard Terepin acting as mediator. It was the first bargaining session between the School Board and the teachers since last October.

The meeting's intent was to address a possible contract for the current school year, plus the following two years. However, stated Bird, the Board presented certain preconditions to be met prior to the bargaining itself.

"We rejected any preconditions," said Bird. "We told the Board that if they have an offer, they should just make it." Bird continued, saying that the stumbling block to the April 8 meeting was a 1988-89 interim agreement between the teachers and the Board. The agreement, which spoke to the 1987-88 school year, called for a six-percent wage hike and became effective in February, 1988.

"Our part of that agreement was that we would support a millage increase that was in question at the time," said Bird. "We further agreed that the six-percent salary increase would become a partial settlement, and we would continue to bargain with the Board."

However, after the millage in question was passed by the voters, the teachers alleged that District management "turned their backs on the agreement," according to Bird.

"The six-percent then became, in effect, a wage freeze for the 1988-89 school year," stated Bird. He then added that the teachers have had some Board-implemented raises since the February 1988 agreement.

"Previously, we felt that any bargaining should include the time period from February, 1988, to the present," continued Bird. "Because of this position, the School Board frequently told teachers that if it wasn't for our stubborn union, an accord could be reached.

"The ironic part of all this, is that in an effort to reach a contract agreement; we recently abandoned our position regarding past school years. Because of that, we felt that we made a positive move toward settlement. The Board expressed appreciation, but said that they felt our

demands were, as was stated by the mediator, 'still too rich'."

When contacted after the Board meeting, Dr. Terrel LeCesne, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, was more positive about the latest negotiation efforts. He stated that, in his opinion, real progress had been made, since both the teachers and the Board had made significant concessions.

He added, however, that there are still important issues which need to be addressed. One such concern involves the teachers' medical insurance; a second deals with the School Calendar and contract language. LeCesne remarked that language changes are needed in order to insure that the schools' new technology will be implemented with optimum efficiency.

He concluded by saying that the School Board looks forward to continuing negotiations as soon as possible; and is hopeful for future progress.

At the Board meeting itself, just prior to the segment where the public may express views directly to the School Board, Dr. William Bedell, Superintendent of Schools, announced that the Board would then meet in Executive Session regarding negotiations. In explanation, Bedell stated that the Board's lawyer was "here and on the clock."

As the Executive Session is normally held at the conclusion of Board meetings, several teachers perceived this agenda change as a stalling technique on the part of the School Board.

When asked about the agenda change, LeCesne denied that there was any stalling on the Board's part. Moving the Executive Session up simply made good financial sense, since the attorney was being paid for the time he spent at the meeting.

After the meeting was reconvened, a spirited discussion then took place between several teachers and the School Board regarding the teachers' proposed medical insurance. Following this, a member of the teachers' negotiating team was recognized, and formally asked the Board to try to reach an accord, as "another school year is coming to a close."

In reply, Board President, Edward Wilkerson, stated, "We will be meeting after Spring Break, and we are working very diligently."

The next meeting of the Romulus Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, May 4, 1992. As always, the public is encouraged to attend. □

Romulus City Council Debates Proposed License Fees; Agrees To Compromise on Yard Sales

By Tom Shamanski

A lengthy discussion regarding current and newly proposed City license fees took place during the April 13, 1992, regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

At Council's request, City Clerk Linda Choate presented a listing of current fees charged by the City, their cost to the City, and a proposed new fee schedule. There were 54 proposed new fees listed by Choate, who had canvassed other cities in the area for comparisons.

"Many of the current fees are the same as when Romulus became a city in 1970," Choate stated. "Some are so far out of line that they actually cost the City to issue a license."

Councilman Russell Lambert noted that he had previously looked over the proposed fees, and, in many cases, the City is paying more per hour for the responsible personnel than the cost of the license.

At this point, Councilman Jimmie Raspberry, calling the proposal "well overdue," moved that the newly proposed fees be adopted with the effective date being the date of official publication. The motion was supported by Lambert.

In the ensuing discussion, Councilman Pete Bergeron stated, "Some of the proposed fees are over and above what it costs us." He then suggested that Council might want to take a week to study the proposal, especially with regard to fees charged for yard sales.

Currently, Romulus charges \$5 per yard sale. Under the fee schedule which was proposed, the first yard sale of the calendar year would cost a resident \$5, the second would cost \$15, and the third (the maximum number to be allowed), \$25

Councilman Ellis Pennington declared that he opposed raising yard-sale fees on two counts. First, many of the types of items sold at yard sales would probably end up discarded in a City ditch if not sold at such a sale. This, in turn, would create more work for the Department of Public Works. Second, said Pennington, many yard sales are held by Romulus senior citizens, and, in his opinion, the seniors need these sales to make money to help them live.

Further debate found Lambert continuing his support for the new fees, with Bergeron maintaining his request for more time to study the overall fees, since he felt that some of the increases were substantial. Chairperson Mary Ann Banks stated that she agreed with Pennington's suggestion to delete fee increases for

yard sales, and then suggested that a workshop could be held to determine the remaining fees.

Before the final vote, Lambert stated, "We're cutting the budget; tightening our belts. This proposal is what we sent Linda (Choate) out to do. I think she's come back to us with a possible solution to acquire more revenue. The changes are needed, especially for the Building Department."

Pennington then proposed an amendment to Raspberry's original motion to adopt the new fees. This proposed amendment would allow yard-sale fees to remain at \$5 per sale, with up to three sales per year.

The original motion carried, with Bergeron dissenting; the yard-sale amendment carried unanimously.

In other business, a request from the Trans-Overseas Corporation for the designation of six acres of undeveloped land as an Industrial Development District (IDD) was discussed. Trans-Overseas Corporation is located at 28000 Goddard Road in Romulus.

Mayor Beverly McAnally told Council she believes that the land and its use, as described by Trans-Overseas, would not, at this time, qualify for an IDD designation because they wish to use the land to build an addition to an existing warehouse. McAnally further stated that IDD designation requires the facility in question to be used for manufacturing.

A public hearing regarding this issue is scheduled for 7 p.m. on April 27, 1992, in the Council Chambers.

Ms. Brenda Pope of Trenton, Michigan, had requested to be placed on the Council's agenda to discuss the possible establishment of the recently proposed Erie County; however, she was unable to attend the meeting. Her appearance is rescheduled for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, April 27, 1992.

Kosteva To Hold Open Forums

State Representative James A. Kosteva invites his constituents to bring their questions and concerns to his open forums, to be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, in Victory Station (7 South Street, Belleville) and at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, in the Canton Public Library (1200 South Canton Center).

The Lighter Slice

Monsters Under the Chair

By Tom Shamanski

Disciplining a five-year-old boy is like asking Billy Graham if you can come over to his house to sin. Neither one wants to cooperate. Now, I've nevertalked to Billy Graham, but I have talked to my son Joe.

"JOE! Let go of the cat's tail. That's not the way to pick him up."

"But, Daddy, the cat likes it! He told me so!"

"Are you telling me a story, young man?"

"Would you tell me one, Daddy? Would you tell me the story about the three pigs again? You tell it real good. Would ya, Daddy, please?"

"Why, sure, Joe, I'd love to. So, you think Daddy tells it really good, huh?"

Putting a child in "time-out" is a disciplinary action that's often used. It's usually a pretty routine thing – unless the adult hasn't set up the time-out rules beforehand.

"Okay, that's it; into 'time-out,' Joe."
"Why, Daddy? I didn't do anything."

"I saw you hit your sister with my Hula-hoop . . . and what are you doing with my Hula-hoop, anyway?"

"Well, you weren't using it, and . . ."
"Just because I'mnot using it, doesn't

mean I'm not using it!"

"Wow! ... Is that grown-up talk, Daddy?"

"Enough, Son; get into 'time-out'."

"Okay, for how long?"

"Ahh . . . I'm not sure; how does 10 minutes sound?"

"That's too long. It's 'posed to be your age, take-away three."

"Gee, that's 38 minutes, Joe."

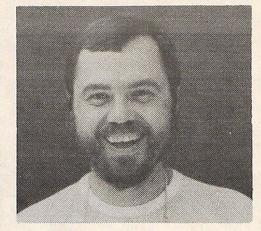
"No, that's *your* age, Daddy; you have to use mine."

"Oh. . . . But that's only two minutes."
"Is that a long time, Daddy?"

"Naw, it's about the same time as a Saturday morning toy commercial."

"Oh, I know that much time.... Where's 'time-out'?"

"Gosh, how about that chair over there?"



"No way, Daddy, there's monsters under that chair."

"Really?...How do you know that?" "I've seen 'em."

"Really?... Do they look scary?"
"Oh, yes, Daddy!"

"Really?... Then, what say we go out for some ice cream – huh, Joe?... Real quick, like, okay?"

"Daddy, can I have chocolate?"
"Sure, Joe – let's just get going NOW!"

Occasionally, a child will sense that a parent's brain is vacationing when it comes to discipline. Then, the child will try to help.

"Daddy, every time you see me getting into trouble, just say 'feathers.' When I hear that, I'll be good, okay?"

"Ahh ... okay, Joe. That's a good idea. How did you think of that, anyway?"

"I don't know. I was in Mr. Lange's big tree and I knocked off his bird-feeder and it was an accident and I just thought of it. Did he really make that bird-feeder by himself, Daddy?"

"You knocked off Mr. Lange's birdfeeder? When did you do that?"

Just now, and he said it's a parent's responsibility when a kid gets into trouble. What means 'responsibility'?"

Suddenly, there was a thunderous knock on the door. Opening it, I saw Mr. Lange. Mr. Lange was 6'5", easy. I was in trouble, easy."

From behind me, Joe said, "Hi, Mr. Lange. . . . Hey, Daddy: FEATHERS!" □

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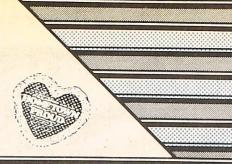






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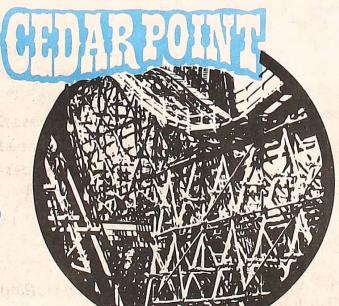
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Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: The following letters are printed verbatim.

In response to Romulus News article on 3/25/92 "What About Your Parenting", may I comment? It is unfortunate that parents are presented in such a pathetic and negative light in this letter.

Parenting is a very big responsibility and a rewarding one. Raising children has never been an easy task at best. It requires an abundance of love, patience, maturity, stability, consistency, sound morals and virtues, perseverance and wisdom to do it well. One needs faith in a Higher Power and His grace to train up a child in the way he should go. Yes, children need rules and regulations. They must have set guidelines to follow that will give them a solid foundation for future years.

It's important to note that children must respect authority and this begins at home. If children do not respect parental authority, society will not receive respect either. This is why laws are established.

While it may appear to some that setting rules and guidelines for youngsters may be "authoritarian" and "undemocratic", it is necessary that children have consistency and constancy in their lives. One cannot and should not let their emotions govern their behavior. This is destructive. Consistency provides the much-needed stability that children need. Establishing and enforcing rules and guidelines actually provides the security necessary to a child's well being. Children need parental guidance to help them grow into stable adults.

Of course there are things none of us liked when we were children. Following rules was one of them, but only emotional immaturity expects to have its way all the time. As we grew up we learned that rules and guidelines were established for our protection, our welfare, our own good. These sometimes-resented laws also provided us with the practical parameters necessary to function in the outside world where we encountered more laws

Parents have the love, experience, knowledge and wisdom necessary to set guidelines for their children. What kind of emotional turmoil would parents set by changing the rules every time a child objected? Children need absolutes. They don't need inconsistency or wavering attitudes from parents. Who would wish to deliberately send double messages to their child to confuse him? Setting rules and guidelines for children and enforcing them does not "chip away at a child's self esteem." Nonsense! On the contrary, these rules help to provide the love, security and stability every child needs to be shown. Consistency is the sprout of

The "parenting" article on 3/25/92 is an insidious, destructive reflection on parenthood and a direct assault on the parent/child relationship. Parenting, though sometimes difficult, is a joyful experience and children are delightful! Things may not always be perfect but establishing guidelines helps in rearing children wisely.

Perhaps the Romulus Adolescent Health Center should restrict their activities to the dispensing of aspirin and leave child rearing to those who know best namely parents. Parents are not the enemies of their children; ignorance and deliberate misrepresentation like that displayed in the parenting article are the enemies.

Parents, treasure your children and raise them with love, kindness, patience and a good set of rules and guidelines that will foster obedience and a healthy respect for the law. Be wise. This socalled new "democratic" appraoch is "compromising morals".

Sonda Stepchuk

I am congratulating the men who work for the City. I went by the cemetery on Shook Road, and thought to myself, what a mess!

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Dolores A. Witzgall

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Honor Roll Students at Barth and Cory Schools

BARTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The following students at Barth Elementary School made the honor roll during the third marking period of the 1991-1992 school year (note: an asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades):

Mrs. Reott's Room

Tanya Baker, Charlene Belcher, *Christina Bouquenoy, Eric Lindquist, Rachael Parker, Deanna Proost, *Caitlin Thompson, Richard Tripp.

Mrs. Hall's Room

Angela Coate, Tiffany Frazier, Megan Gilliland, Myron Gray, Natalie Griffith, Travis Hammer, Matthew Hardt, *Stephanie Henry, Kristi Kahl, Rachel Kuhrt, Amber Long, Stacy Luczak, Shannon Mathison, Adrian Mattson, Christina Parks, Mandy Pate, Alexa Pittman, *Linda Ryznar.

Mr. Blackburn's Room

Joe Goodrich, Melvin Hicks.

Mrs. Bush's Room

George Arquette, Travis Chandler, Andy Chapman, Shantia Kendrick, Michael Mullins.

Mrs. Mientkiewicz's Room

*Ryan Block, Andrea Coate, Jacquelyn Hamilton, *Rachel Kolar, Marshal Mardt, Alvin Mattson, Brandon Olson, Diana Oswald, Jennifer Randall, Carrie Spielman, Bethany Thompson.

Mrs. Gursky's Room

*Erin Conway, *Jackie Evans, Theresa Genaw, *Moriah Holbrook, Lori Kahl, Ruby Lee, *John Penn, Michael Russell, *Eric Staten.

Mrs. Lanning's Room

David Brugh, Rebecca Garland, Carla Harris, Danylle Malloy, Krysten Malloy, David Moomaw, Chris Rocker, John Ryznar, Joseph VanAssche, Amanda Youtsey.

Mrs. Davis' Room

Keith Bryant, Autumn Christian, Dwayne Harris, Travis Person, Alfred Riopelle

CORY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The following students at Cory Elementary School made the honor roll during the third marking period of the 1991-1992 school year (note: an asterisk denotes those students who made the principal's honor roll):

Ms. Hines' Room

*Alexis Brown, Darren Cox, Pierre Greenwood, *Larry Harris, Ryan Henne, Tracy Hojara, *Keith Hubbard, Kerol Sandusky, Ryan Sergott, Nicholas Stewart. Ms. Morgan's Room

Joseph Brown, *Tracie Finley, Charmine Greenwood, Jamie Hool, Amy Hudson, Laura Luttermoser, Jeremy McCord, Rachel Morton, Ashley Slone, *Christopher Talley.

Ms. Washington's P.com

*Cassie Bake, *Aaron Brown, *Monique Chadwick, *Tyra Donald, *Mychael Gaines, *Richard Gnas, Phillip Hamm, Kelli Hardeman, *Chris Higgins, *Amanda Hislop, *Charles James, Justin LaVigne, Dinah Malosh, Corrin Michaux, Javin Taylor, *Ernest Tolbert.

Ms. English's Room

Christopher Garwood, Garett Griffin, Kevin Healey, Kimberly Michaux, Rebecca Morton, Anton Poole.

Ms. Gilkey's Room

*Caleb Beasley, Ron Bell, *Candice Bingham, Danielle Carter, *Keri Deverich, Heidi Elkins, Larry Farley, Tiffany Flemings, LaDonna Franklin, *Crystal Massey, *Renia Thum, Shawn Whitehead, Mya Williams.

Ms. Green's Room

Shona Brown, Sheirley Cadet, Novia Edwards, Dominic Evitts, Carrie Golden, Krystle Johnson, *Melissa Moomaw, André Parson, Glenn Reed, LaVida Warren, LaTina Williams.

Ms. Price's Room

Tomeka Boles, Robin Canterbury, Bill Chapman, *Matthew Gibbons, Jessica Grant, Chavis Hamby, *Mamie Kesner, Chanel Killebrew, *Carleton McCauley, *Nicolle Moue, Ernest Rodabaugh, *Carissa Slone, Bobby Wilson.

Mr. Miller's Room

Jesse Bake, Joe Beasley, Shakeia Dapremont, Renee Ervin, *Jenny Kelley, Brandon Moomaw, Mary Moore, Josh Morton, Joana Moton, Marie Reams, Greg Scott, Jan Sewell, Lataisha Taylor.

Ms. Pluff's Room

Wayne Bingham, *Shannon Boiler, Nicole Clarke, April Kent, Serena Martin, Willie Pitchford, *Adrienne Roberts, *Leslie Slone, Antoine Smith, Sabrina Stetler, Kenneth Wells, Reginald Williams.

Romulus Profile: Terrel LeCesne

By Tom Shamanski

"Every day is filled with new challenges, and that's what I like," stated 53-year-old Terrel Michael LeCesne, Ph.D., when discussing what he enjoys most about his position as Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services for the Romulus Community Schools.

He added: "I really like the people I work with; they're like family. For me, being here at Romulus is very satisfying and rewarding."

Dr. LeCesne and I recently met in his office at the District's administrative offices. Quickly, I found LeCesne to be an extremely personable, soft-spoken man. One gets the impression that, during a crisis, LeCesne would be the person who would remain calm and assume command.

Scanning his office, I noticed, behind his wood-topped desk, a large organizational chart of the school system. This sits against one of the light-brown walls, which, in turn, drops to meet a floor of brown tile.

Gathered on one wall are several framed pictures and diplomas. The diplomas reflect four different university degrees. These include a bachelor's degree in education, earned in 1961 from Louisiana's Xavier University; a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Eastern Michigan University, which he received in 1967; another EMU degree, this one in educational leadership, which he obtained in 1973; and a doctorate degree in educational leadership which was earned from the University of Michigan in 1979.

These impressive educational credentials, coupled with his present position in the Romulus school district, demonstrate that LeCesne has, indeed, made excellent use of his education. He has also been the recipient of several special honors and awards. These range from joint resolutions of the Michigan House and Senate for outstanding community service in 1973, 1976, 1979, and 1982; to the Inkster Democratic Club's "Recognition of Excellence" award, received in 1982; to a "Community Service" award given by the Inkster branch of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) in 1984. Further, LeCesne is the author of more than 10 professional publications.

He began his education career in 1964, when he took a teaching post at an elementary school in the Inkster Public Schools. Two years later, he became a counselor at Romulus Junior High School and District Attendance Counselor for Romulus Schools. In 1968, LeCesne moved to the Willow Run Public Schools to serve as principal of an elementary school; then, in 1970, he began a nine-year stint as an elementary-school principal in Romulus.

From that position, LeCesne vaulted

to the Romulus district's Personnel and Employee Relations Manager post in 1979. Four years later, he achieved his present spot as Assistant Superintendent. Wanting to return something to the educational community, LeCesne has been, since 1979, a visiting instructor for the Department of Leadership and Counseling at Eastern Michigan University.

Looking back over his 28-year career, LeCesne noted many changes and movements in the educational field.

"We seem to have come full circle in education," he said. "We started at teaching the basics, went to a point away from basics, and returned to basics once again.

"One important teaching change," he continued, "has been to teach students how to access and utilize information. These days, information changes at a rapid pace, and this, in effect, makes for a smaller world and a very mobile society."

LeCesne went on to say that, because of these informational changes, the demands on students are much larger than ever before. Consequently, they must be taught to make judgments and decisions from available data.

"Students are more serious-minded today," he stated. "They face more problems than their earlier counterparts. I feel, though, that they cope fairly well. They're more tolerant of each other as far as race and ethnic groups are concerned. Overall, I believe they get along very well."

I then asked LeCesne which end of the educational spectrum – teaching or administering – he liked best.

"I actually like them both. I now teach at Eastern and find that very satisfying. Early in my career, I liked teaching elementary school and I really enjoyed being an elementary-school principal. I've always felt that that's the best job in teaching.

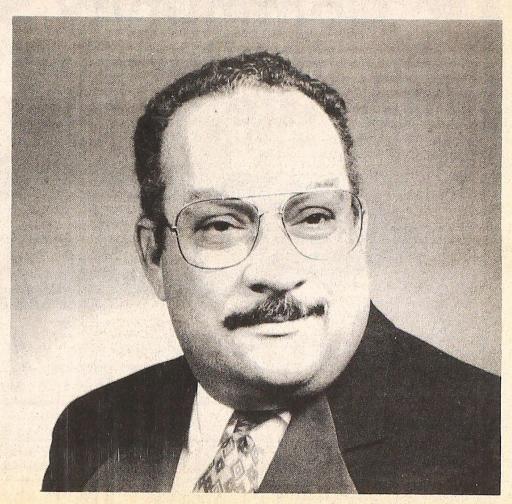
"As far as the administrative side is concerned, I like creating and organizing ideas, and carrying them to fruition. Also, I like working with, and motivating, people."

As he obviously enjoyed talking about the "people-end" of his career, I asked LeCesne to elaborate on this aspect.

Smiling, he replied, "Well, I often run into former students, and that's a real pleasure. A lot of times, they'll thank me for contributing, in some part, to their success. That, naturally, is very satisfying and gratifying.

"I had one student who was a constant discipline problem. I handled his misbehavior by having him sit in my office while I continued working. He's now a successful businessman, and has thanked me for teaching him discipline, to which he attributes his success."

As we were winding down our con-



versation, I discovered that LeCesne was, from 1975 to 1979, mayor of Inkster. He explained: "When I first came to Inkster, I immediately got involved in local politics. I was appointed to city council in 1967 and, in 1968, I ran for council and won. After two years on city council, I ran for mayor and defeated the incumbent."

So, I wondered, what happened to his rising political career?

LeCesne: "While I was Inkster's mayor, I got this job. As I was also working on my Ph.D., something had to go. Therefore, I didn't seek reelection."

Any future political plans?

"I have no plans to seek elective office. By sitting on the boards of various community organizations, I feel I'm fulfilling my duty to the public – and, at the same time, I find this work very satisfying."

We then turned to LeCesne's family. His wife, Gale, works in the home, while his eldest son, Terrel Jr., is a computer specialist and lives in San Diego, California. His other son, Haydel, is a geologist, and lives and works in Saginaw.

LeCesne comes from a large family which includes four sisters and five brothers. One brother, Errol, is his twin, and now lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"It was great growing up with a twin," he smiled. "I never lacked a companion; Errol and I were very close."

LeCesne's number-one leisure-time activity is golf. I asked him what kind of scores he notched. Laughing, he responded, "I'm not telling! Actually, for me, it's recreation; I don't take it seriously."

He does, however, take his job very seriously – and, for Romulus, that's a very good thing, indeed. □

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Romulus High School Athletics

Spring Sports Updates

By Fred Coleman, CAA, Athletic Director, Romulus Community Schools

RHS Boys' Tennis

Record: 0-3

With only one senior returning to his program, Coach Dan Stearn is looking for consistent play from his young players to build a strong foundation for the future.

Brian Molenda is currently leading the singles players with a 2-1 record in his matches.

Sophomore Johnny Buckley is playing first singles, and, although he is winless on the year, Coach Stearn is certain that his ability to learn from his mistakes will eventually turn his season around.

First-year player Dale Gehringer has paired up with freshman Ray Osak, combining for two victories in the second-doubles slot for the Eagles. Both are showing great improvement in each match.

Still expected to begin putting the 1992 Eagles on the winning track are singles players Lajuan McCain and John Devereaux, who have lost in very close matches thus far this season.

"Tennis is not a top priority in most of these fine athletes' lives," stated Coach Stearn. "Once they become comfortable on the court and begin to gain their confidence, this group of players is going to do very well. As the season goes on, I truly expect our players and our team to become more competitive, and where we are just losing matches by points now, we will begin to pull those matches out and turn them into victories."

RHS Track

Record: 0-4

Coach Ron Bayes and his staff are caught up in what seems to be a very bad situation in Romulus: namely, that many good athletes are choosing not to get involved in spring sports.

With most of the better runners choosing to work or just take the spring off, both the girls' and boys' varsity programs have been left short of the number of students necessary to compete in the track meets this season.

"We are not losing the meets because of our lack of talent," stated Coach Bayes, "but we just do not have the number of athletes needed to fill all of the events. Thus, we are being forced to forfeit a number of the events to our opponents."

The Lady Eagles are being paced in the sprinting and relay events by two-time State qualifier, Tearza Johnson, as well as Charmaine Smith, Angie Hollis, and Angela Courtland. Heather Kuhrt and Andrea Brown are leading the middle-and long-distance events, while Latanya

Pankey, Tameta Davis, and Tiffany Gregory are securing as many points as possible in the field events.

The boys' team, as well, is hampered by the small number of athletes that it possesses.

Currently, Lajuan Wilson, Maurice Hatcher, Robert Craig, and Roger Bethune are leading the team in the sprint and relay events. Distance runners Jim Catron, Greg Majcher, and Eric Newcomb are consistently placing in these events, while Tyrone Jones, Todd Hardrick, and Rodney Smith are performing exceptionally well in the field events, even though they are first-year varsity-level competitors.

"Middle distance is where we really need people, as currently only John Taylor is scoring in these events for us," Bayes remarked. "We are not sure what it is going to take to get people interested in this sport again, but I guarantee you that our staff is going to give it our all."

Romulus High School athletes should be aware that we are having open tryouts for any individual interested in finding out what Track and Field is all about. See Mr. Coleman, Mr. Bayes, or Mr. Glover if you are interested in finishing the season with the track program. You may be surprised at how well you can perform one of the many events that make up this extremely interesting sport.

RHS Softball

Varsity: 0-4 JV: 3-2

"We are going to have to tighten up our defense and begin cutting down our mental errors, or we are going to have a very rough season," stated Head Coach Bill Cuhran. "We are very young, especially in the critical positions, but you cannot make excuses for athletes all season. At some point, these girls are going to have to realize that catching the ball and throwing it to the proper place is the only way to win a game at the varsity level."

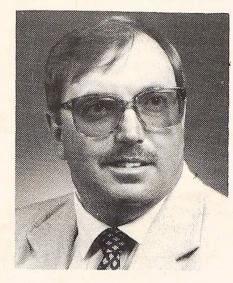
Big innings have destroyed the Eagles' chances of winning any of their first four games, even though offense has been provided by the bats of Crystal Stevenson, Jenny McClure, Katrina Roscoe, and Jennifer Trueman.

Sophomore shortstop Candy Coak and juniors Susan Kreft and Marie Bouquenoy have played well on defense, while utility player Erin Fife has done the job for Coach Cuhran wherever she has been asked to fill in.

The problem is consistency: it seems that when the pitching of sophomore Kristen Bishop is excellent, the defense falls apart, and when the defense is stable, it seems that Kristen and fellow pitcher, freshman Natasha Carson, just cannot seem to find the plate.

The current program is filled with

"From the AD"



By Fred Coleman, CAA, Athletic Director, Romulus Community Schools

If anyone who reads this article can explain what is happening to spring sports throughout the Area, especially in our community, then please give me a call and let me know about any suggestions that you may have which could remedy the problem.

We have as few athletes competing in our spring sports as I have ever witnessed in my 22 years in this district. As the director of our programs, I have to ask myself, Why? Poor coaching? No. Bad weather? I doubt it.

I want to take this opportunity to tell you what I have encountered when asking our young athletes why they have decided not to compete in spring athletics programs.

"Got to get a job," seems to be the most common reason that students give for not joining a spring team.

It is a shame, but it does appear that our society has reached a point where kids cannot enjoy their high-school years without beginning the 40-year employment cycle. Senior proms are ridiculous in cost, and senior pictures have soared to extreme highs as well. And we surely cannot forget the infamous senior trip, nor the car that is needed to get the individual back and forth to work.

I can't argue with the kid who says he has to have a job, or that she has no spending money, but it sure is depress-

ing to see young student-athletes throw away the once-in-a-lifetime experience of competing for their school, just to hold down a job for minimum wage.

I look at all the people I know who have gotten where they are today either directly or indirectly because of their involvement in athletics or other school activities, and then I look at all the potential athletes currently attending Romulus High School who are doing nothing with their talent, and it makes me very sad.

Our school was powerful in spring sports during the '60s and '70s, but, as we moved into the '80s and '90s, there was a steady decline in interest and in success. I can only hope that, like everything else in society, this problem will "cycle" itself out, as well. Our community has excellent student-athletes, but, unfortunately, many of them spend their high-school years "in the hallway."

With the development of our new facilities will come a resurgence of interest in the athletic programs. With this, I hope, will also come parents' desire to have their sons and daughters compete for their school, since an overwhelming amount of evidence supports the theory that students who get involved in school activities not only do better in high school, but also have a much greater success rate at the collegiate and professional levels.

If you are the parent of a youngster who is bored and looking for something to do, now may be the time to encourage him or her to get involved in school programs. Believe me, my experience has shown me that many of the best athletes are often people who may not believe that they can do something as well as the next person.

Our coaches are looking for that kid who wants to learn to do something. You may be that kid, or you may know someone else who is. Why not give it a try if you're not one of those people who just has to have that job to survive.

If you ever have any questions about how to get involved in the Romulus Community Schools athletic program, do not hesitate to call 941-3414 and ask.

very young talent, with freshmen Michelle Slawinski and Jessica Smith currently leading the JV program in its threewin season.

Combining with Slawinski and Smith are a very solid group of student-athletes who virtually lead the girls' program in the fall (tennis) and the winter (volleyball) as well.

"We are experiencing problems similar to those facing the varsity" stated JV Coach Don Kobane. "Even though we have won three games, our defense has not been at the level that is needed to compete with the better programs. We

need to begin to make young ladies realize that using both hands and taking pride in making good defensive play can be just as important as getting those hits or scoring those runs."

Combining with Slawinski and Smith in the success of the JV season thus far are Jessica Marz, Cassandra Jackson, Rogjette Peterson, and Staci Steffani. Diane Kehn is playing a solid first base for the young Eagles, and is having a very good season thus far at the plate as well; and although her defense needs a little work, center fielder Jamie Taylor is continued on page 13

Financial Planning

Six Most Common Estate Planning Mistakes

By Timothy R. Rosiak, Certified Financial

This article is primarily devoted to the types of problems that can cost you and your family thousands of dollars and unbelievable heartache when it comes to settling an estate. Listed below are the six most common (and serious) mistakes that can be solved with the assistance of a financial professional. Have you made one of these mistakes?

- Improper use of jointly held property: If used excessively, or by the wrong parties, jointly held property can become a nighmare of unexpected tax or nontax problems. This passes by contract and not by the use of a will.
- Improperly arranged life insurance: Oftentimes, not enough coverage is in force, or it is payable to the beneficiaries at the wrong time or in the wrong manner. Are there contingent beneficiaries? Who should own the policy? The kids, the spouse, the insured? It depends!
- Lack of liquidity: Most people don't have the slightest idea as to how much it will cost to settle their estate or how quickly the taxes and returns must be prepared and paid. Worse yet, because of ill planning, they may be "forced" to sell their property/assets at the wrong time.

- · Choice of the wrong executor: The person who administers the estate must collect all assets, pay all obligations, and distribute the remaining assets to the beneficiaries. Note: Selection of a beneficiary and/or a business associate may result in a conflict of interest.
- Will errors: The greatest mistake here is that of dying without a properly arranged will. A will should be updated at the birth of a child, upon marriage or divorce, upon every major tax-law change, and any other major change of circumstances in one's life.
- Leaving everything to your spouse: All we are doing then is simply postponing the tax. Why not arrange a plan whre you can divert the tax altogether by the use of a trust?

This article intends to enlighten those individuals who are concerned about their family. I am trying to motivate you readers into taking the first step towards building a financial empire. The pyramids of Rome were built one brick at a time, and so should your financial empire be built one brick (step) at a time. If you think that you may fall victim to some of these mistakes, call me at (313) 347-3437; I'd be happy to set some time aside for you. All consultations are free of charge.

Teen Talk: Health

Teens for AIDS Prevention

By Linda Chudy-Bowman

Last fall, the Romulus Adolescent Health Center received grant monies from the Michigan Department of Education to increase students' knowledge in HIV/AIDS transmission and prevention. Chosen were 20 students who have been trained about HIV/AIDS and as peer educators. The students have been making presentations to high-school students in different classes and have also had a few community presentations.

The presentations made by the students are informative and professionally done. The presentation format consists of a few role plays (acted out by the students), a game that gives a visual idea about how HIV/AIDS is transmitted, and a short lecture-style explanation about transmission, prevention, and HIV/ AIDS facts. Finally, students accept and answer questions in a frank and honest manner. The question-and-answer period is popular with youth who have questions and feel more comfortable asking

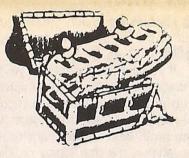
A recent study reported in the Monday, April 13, 1992, Detroit Free Press states that AIDS is the sixth leading cause of death for youth ages 13-24. "In the last two years, the number of young people diagnosed with AIDS has increased 77%." These facts have changed our

perceptions about people with AIDS, as it affects everyone, regardless of age, gender, race, or religious beliefs.

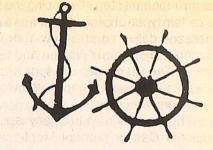
A study done in 1988 at both our junior high and high school shows students are sexually active at a very young age and need to understand the risks involved. Information from peers helps students understand that it's all right to abstain, or, if they choose to be sexually active, how they can protect themselves.

The students will be making a few more community presentations. Come on out and bring your children. The information is for all ages. The last two presentations will be at the Romulus Public Library at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, and at City Hall in the Mayor's Chambers at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20. We truly hope to see you there. We need our community's support.

The Romulus Adolescent Health Center is located in Romulus High School, 9650 Wayne Road. It serves Romulus residents - students and nonstudents between the ages of 10 and 21. Children to age five can receive immunizations. Blue Cross, Medicaid, and private insurances are accepted. Fees are affordable and vary according to the patient's ability to pay. No one is denied services if unable to pay. Parents must sign a consent form for their child to be seen.



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Auto Theft Ring Arrests

Lieutenant David A. Early, Romulus Police Department

The Romulus Police Department's Special Investigation Unit (SIU) has been conducting an investigation for over a year into the theft of autos and parts in the Romulus area.

A loosely knit "ring" of individuals have been participants in a number of these incidents. Romulus undercover officers were able to gain the confidence of some of the involved individuals and work within the group, while others conducted periodic surveillance.

It became known to the officers that the participants were looking for a new market in which to sell vehicles after they had been stolen. An individual from this group contacted an undercover officer and made it known that he had a stolen vehicle in his possession and wished to sell it. Arrangements were made.

On April 7, a stolen 1987 Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck was delivered to the undercover officers. On April 8, four more vehicles were delivered. At this time, Romulus officers moved in and attempted to arrest the subjects present at that time.

Four subjects fled on foot, with three being pursued by officers and arrested

near the scene. The fourth subject was arrested later that evening, by Romulus SIU officers, at a friend's residence in Lincoln Park.

As a result of the above incident, three adults and two juveniles have been charged in a 14-count felony warrant with possible jail time of five to 10 years for each count of which convicted.

Arraigned before Judge Felix Rogalle of the 34th District court on April 10, 1992, were 17-year-old Jerry Allen Metcalf of Romulus, who faces 12 counts of various auto theft and conspiracy charges - bond set at \$15,000 or 10%; 18-year-old James Daugherty of Romulus, who faces 12 counts of various auto theft and conspiracy charges - bond set at \$12,000 or 10%; and 17-year-old Teri Lynn Fox of Woodhaven, who faces two counts of related conspiracy charges released on \$10,000 personal bond. Preliminary exams are set for April 22, 1992. Two juveniles were remanded to the Wayne County Youth Home.

The following vehicles were recovered: two 1988 Chevrolet Cavaliers, one 1987 Chevrolet S-10 Pickup, and two 1989 Chevrolet Pickups. Further investigation is continuing, with additional charges and arrests anticipated.





April Is National Cancer Control Month

Weight control among women may be an important step in reducing the risk of certain types of cancer. This was a key message delivered at a New York City conference, entitled "Women and Obesity... The Risks, The Reasons, Resolutions for Empowerment," sponsored by Weight Watchers.

This message, particularly apt for National Cancer Control Month, was delivered by top researchers in the fields of women's health and obesity. Speaking on "Cancer, Obesity and Women" was Dr. Rachel Ballard-Barbash, research epidemiologist at the National Cancer Institute.

Dr. Ballard-Barbash presented data suggesting that excess body weight increases the risk for cancer of the endometrium (lining of the uterus) and breast cancer among women. In particular, obesity seems to be associated with an increased risk of postmenopausal breast cancer.

In discussing this phenomenon, Dr. Ballard-Barbash also pointed out, "There appear to be quite consistent indications that women who have gained a large amount of weight during adulthood are at increased risk for breast cancer. Also, there are now some preliminary studies that appear to indicate that women with increased central fat distribution — an 'apple' shape as opposed to a 'pear' shape — may be at increased risk for breast cancer."

Scientists are unclear exactly why obesity seems to increase cancer risk, but hypothesize that increased total body

fat and increased central body fat may result in, or be markers for, hormonal patterns that promote tumor growth.

Obesity and weight gain at the time of diagnosis of breast cancer may also affect the outcome of the disease, as some studies associate these with a less favorable prognosis and greater risk of recurrence.

However, the overall message is positive. Dr. Ballard-Barbash states, "While we don't yet have specific knowledge of what the impact of weight loss on breast cancer would be, we do know that weight loss may result in beneficial changes in hormones that can affect both breast and endometrial cancers. Perhaps most importantly, two of the risk factors for breast cancer – obesity and a high-fat diet – are modifiable. That is, we can change them, reduce our risk, and develop lifestyles that are more healthful."

Dr. Ballard-Barbash recommended a diet which limits fat intake to 30% or less of daily calories, along with an increased intake of vegetables, fruits, and grains. She emphasized that even a moderate weight loss could have a positive impact on health, and stresses the importance of learning effective weight maintenance strategies to maintain a healthy weight.

The conference, "Women and Obesity... The Risks, The Reasons, Resolutions for Empowerment," was sponsored by Weight Watchers HealthWatch 2000, an ongoing communications program on issues of health, nutrition, and obesity. \square

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Lansing Update

The following information was submitted by James A. Kosteva, State Representative, 37th District

Crime Victims Could Respond To Cleared Convictions

The House is considering two bills that would allow crime victims to be notised to participate in the official proceedings to set aside their assailant's convictions. The legislation would require prosecuting attorneys to tell victims of assaultive crimes that they may participate in the legal process to set aside a conviction. Currently, State Police are only required to notify the State Attorney General's office and the prosecuting attorney who prosecuted the crime. The legislation also would allow the court to reinstate a conviction if, after hearing testimony from the victim, the judges feel the decision to set aside the conviction was wrong.

Legislative Files Would Be Open Under Proposal

Under a bill now in the House, the Legislature would be required to provide access to all legislative bill files. The files would include all bills as they were originally introduced, and copies of each amendment or substitute bill voted on by a legislative committee or either house of the Legislature, legislative analysis of the bill's contents, the enrolled bill as presented to the governor, and any information the council deems useful to research of legislative history. Supporters say the legislation would ease the frustration of historical and political researchers who track the history of bills, and would ensure that the public has open access to all legislative files.

Bill Would Require Environmental Inspection of Schools

A bill being considered by the House would require local school boards to conduct a visual inspection of property, and review the ownership and history of use of the property before building a new school structure, expanding an existing one, or constructing a new playground. Currently, schools are not required to conduct these inspections. Supporters say the inspection would determine whether hazardous substances are located on school property, and would ensure the environmental safety of students.

Schools Would Get Aid in Energy Efficiency Projects

A bill now before the House would allow school districts to award "performance-based" contracts for energy conservation projects outside of the competitive bid process. The legislation would allow school districts to significantly improve their energy system, save thousands of dollars of out-of-pocket costs and realize a guaranteed five-percent profit. Under the legislation, school districts could award work to a "sole source" contractor in specific circumstances.

Bill Would Make Disarming a Police

Officer a Felony

Legislation introduced in the House would make disarming, or even attempting to disarm, a police officer a felony in Michigan. Currently, there is no State law punishing criminals who take guns or other weapons away from police officers. The penalties for attempting to disarmor actually disarming an officer would range from two to seven years in jail and/or fines from \$2,000 to \$4,000, depending on the weapon involved. The legislation also would allow the person convicted of disarming an officer to be charged with any other crimes he or she was committing at the time.

Bills Almed at Curbing Teen Drinking

Two bills being considered by the House would increase penalties for underage drinkers in an effort to discourage young people from illegally buying liquor. Under the legislation, the current penalty of \$25 for underage alcohol purchases would be increased to \$100. It would also allow the court to sentence the youth to community services or substanceabuse counseling. Driver's licenses would be taken away for 90 days for the first offense, between 90 and 180 days for the second offense, and for a year for the third offense. Minors could drive from home to work or school if the courts allowed.

House Approves Insurance Solvency Legislation

Legislation passed by the House would put certain requirements on insurance companies to protect policy holders from insurance-company insolvencies. The legislation would require insurers doing business in Michigan to file an annual audited financial report with the State insurance commissioner. Supporters say the legislation would help Michigan avoid the costly consequences of insurance companies going bankrupt.

Bond Program Would Create Jobs, Help Universities

Legislation to create a Michigan Savings Bond program that would fund construction or renovation at higher-education institutions has been introduced in the House. Under the proposal, the State could sell \$1 billion in general obligation bonds with the revenue used for maintenance, renovation, and construction on public university or community college campuses. Supporters say the proposal would also create thousands of jobs in the skilled trades and construction field. A priority list for new facilities and equipment compiled by Michigan universities and colleges over the last five years tops \$589 million.

Campus Sexual Assault Victims' Bill of Rights Proposed

A package of bills that would establish a campus sexual assault victims' "bill of rights" has been introduced in the House. Under the legislation, the victims of sexual assaults on Michigan univer-

sity campuses would have a number of protected rights, including the right to have the assault treated like a serious crime, the right to full and prompt investigation and evidence collection by university personnel, and the right to alternative housing or transfer of classes if requested by the victim to avoid unnecessary contact with the alleged assailant.

Site for Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Approved by House

A site near the Capitol Building in Lansing has been approved by the House for a Vietnam veterans' memorial. The legislation specifying the site would permit the Vietnam Monument Commission to use money in the monument fund for construction and maintenance of the site. House Bill Would Allow More Public Input on Inland Lake Levels

Current State law authorizes the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and county commissions to regulate and maintain water levels of private and public inland lakes, with dams, dikes, embankments, and other installations. The House has approved a bill that would provide more detailed procedures for the DNR and the county to determine "normal" lake levels, and would increase public notification about construction projects. Supporters of the legislation say it should satisfy lake-front-property owners, environmental advocates, outdoor recreation enthusiasts, health officials, and the public at large.

Patients Could Choose "Do Not Resuscitate" Under House Bill

Often, people who are terminally ill with no hope of improvement through medical treatment choose to spend their last days at home or in specialized hospices. However, emergency medical personnel who are called when a patient's death appears imminent are obligated to use all possible resuscitation measures to restore a patient's breathing or heartbeat, which can unnecessarily prolong a patient's suffering and intensify the trauma of the survivors. Under a bill now before a House committee, a person could voluntarily execute a "do not resuscitate" declaration on a standard form. If emergency medical personnel are shown the declaration and the patient's breathing or heartbeat can be detected, they would proceed with the usual resuscitation efforts. If the patient's heartbeat and breathing have stopped, the medical personnel would make no efforts to resuscitate the patient. The legislaiton is supported by patient advocates, homehealth agencies, hospice organizations, and emergency medical services.

Seniors Would Get Prescription Aid Through House Bill

One of the most pressing financial concerns for older people is the cost of prescription medication. Many retired people have severely limited incomes,

and Medicare and most Medicare supplemental policies do not cover prescription drug costs. In order to help these older Michiganians maintain their health, the House has approved legislation that would establish a prescription drug assistance program for senior citizens. The program would be availabe to individuals who are at least 62 years old, with an income equal to less than 150% of the national poverty level, who do not qualify for coverage under any private or public prescription drug program. Under the House legislation, the State would dedicate certain tax revenues to a special fund that would be used to reimburse pharmacists who fill prescriptions for participating seniors.

House Approves Tougher Penalties for Drunk Drivers Operating Commercial Motor Vehicles

New State laws that originated in the House increase penalties for drivers of commerical motor vehicles who consume alcohol on the job. One new law suspends or revokes a commercial driver's license for repeat convictions and for refusal to submit to a chemical breath test. Drivers are prohibited from operating a truck if they have any detectable blood alcohol, measuring .015 or more, and police officers are allowed to immediately issue a 24-hour "out-of-service" order to drivers believed to be over the limit. The second law allows the immediate arrest of a commercial-motor-vehicle driver suspected of having a blood alcohol content of between .04 percent and .07 percent at the time of an accident involving the truck. Previous State drunkdriving laws were only applied to persons whose blood-alcohol content equaled .07 and more.

House Measure Would Expand Disease Testing in Sex Crimes

The House has approved legislation that would require persons arraigned on sexual assault and prostitution charges to be tested for veneral disease and for HIV infection, and would require the victim of the alleged crime and sexual partners of the assailant to be notified of the test results. Currently, persons charged with these crimes are only tested for HIV infection. Supporters of the House bill say it is equally important that they be tested for other sexually transmitted diseases like syphilis and gonorrhea, and that the victims and other persons who may have been infected be made aware of the test results. Another test for the AIDS virus and for VD would be conducted if the suspect were convicted, when victim and contact notification would also take place.

Legislative Forum is a weekly television program of news, discussion, and commentary from the Michigan House of Representatives. Check local TV and cable listings for stations and broadcast times.

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Engagements

Blanchard/Dye



Proudly announcing their plans to marry are Robert Steven Blanchard and Teresa Lynn Dye.

The couple became engaged on October 5, 1991, and plan to hold their wedding ceremony at St. John Lutheran Church (Taylor, MI) on August 13, 1994.

Robert's groomsmen will be William Bledsoe and Mark Wisterman. Serving as Teresa's bridesmaids will be Christina Dye and Tina Bledsoe.

Robert's parents are Walter and Gail Blanchard of Romulus, Michigan. Teresa is the daughter of Jim and Connie Dye, also of Romulus.

Flaishans/Easley

Formally announcing their engagement, which took place on March 21, 1992, are Scott Edward Flaishans and Joan Michelle Easley.

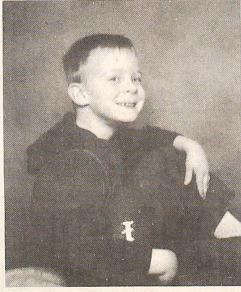
The couple will exchange their vows on October 16, 1992, at the First Presbyterian Church in Wyandotte, Michigan. Following the ceremony, a reception will be held at the Crystal Gardens, located in Southgate.

Serving as Joan's bridesmaids will be Cynthia Easley, Windy Worrell, Renia Williams, and Kelly Dod; junior bridesmaids will be Jessica Deguire and Christina Flaishans. Scott's groomsmen will be Jason Flaishans, John Easley, Paul Easley, and Brian Oaks. Nicole Deguire and Derick Dod will serve as flower girl and ring bearer, respectively.

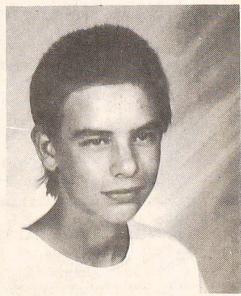
Joan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Easley of Romulus, Michigan. Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Flaishans, also of Romulus.



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Steven Linderman

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Tommy Gebo: "Student of the Month"

Congratulations to Tommy Gebo of Romulus, who was recently selected as one of Cory Elementary School's April "Students of the Month."

Tommy, a student in Ms. Morgan's classroom, will receive certificates and a Whopper coupon from Burger King at a special ceremony on April 28. In addition, he will be entered in a drawing for one of three \$25 savings bonds or dinner for three at the Inn Keeper Restaurant at the Romulus Marriot.

Tommy's family and friends are especially proud of him.

Keep up the good work!



Obituaries

Joan Viola Turk

Romulus resident, Joan Viola Turk, died on April 13, 1992, at the age of 63.

Joanwas born in Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, on April 19, 1928, and married Tony H. Turk on April 7, 1951. She had been employed as a teller at the National Bank of Detroit.

Joan is survived by her husband; two brothers, Samuel Venneri (North Huntington, PA) and Val Venneri (Belle Vernon, PA); and three sisters, Mrs. Joseph (Stella) Hamadock (Dover, DE), Mrs. Rudy (Virginia) Halgas (Belle Vernon, PA), and Mrs. John (Josephine) Mannarino (Bristol, PA).

Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 18, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, Michigan), with Father Michael Malawy (St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Romulus, Michigan) officiating.

Belle Vernon Cemetery was the site of interment.

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SPORTS UPDATE

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using her excellent speed to get on base as often as anyone in the total program this year.

The coaches are going to combine the talents of these two teams in a 16team tournament to be held on Saturday at Papp Park on Wick Road in Taylor. Softball fans are encouraged to come and support these young ladies in what looks to be a very good display of the Downriver softball action. Hope to see you there.

RHS Baseball

Varsity: 2-2

JV: 2-2

A recent victory over Annapolis (3-1) gave the varsity Eagles a .500 record early in the 1992 campaign.

Senior Tim Dufore is currently leading the Eagles' pitching staff with a 1-0 record and a very solid 1.17 ERA. Dufore, having an excellent senior year thus far, is also leading the Eagles in offense, with six hits and an even .500 batting average while driving in seven runs.

Senior Don Zemke is also off to an excellent final year, as Don has accumulated seven runs scored for the Eagles and has stolen eight bases as well. Tim Howell, Mike Barwikowski, Mark Harden, and Charlie Dudonis have also added to the offensive punch for the Eagles, with each collecting three hits thus far, and

Tim Howell's double in the Annapolis contest last week gave the varsity Eagles the lift they needed to pull off a very tough victory in Dearborn.

Like the varsity team, the JV Eagles found themselves in a battle with Annapolis, and it took a textbook-perfect squeeze play to pull out this win for the young Eagles.

Having given up the go-ahead run in the top of the seventh inning, the situation looked bleak for the JV Eagles, but James Moore's leadoff double in the bottom of the inning seemed to inject the needed enthusiasm to overcome the 9-8 deficit. Steve O'Connor, the second batter, finally walked after a battle which seemed to last forever. A wild pitch put the runners at second and third, and the table was set for one of the prettiest plays in the game of baseball.

Sophomore Eric Lambert, the Eagle second baseman, was given the signal by Coach Brian Tapp, and proceeded to put down a perfect bunt. The bunt scored Moore, and when the throw to first base ended up in right field, O'Connor came around third to score the winning run.

"A great finish to a great game," stated Coach Mike Roffi. "This is a very young team (mostly freshmen), and to win a game like this may give us the confidence we need to make this a very exciting season."

Port Side

Finally, Spring Is Here?

By Captain Ron Dubsky, Ice Breaker II Sport-fishing Charters (941-3529)

Lake Erie walleye are back. Last Saturday, three charters fished the area just south of Luna Pier. Two of the boats limited out and one captain caught a 13pound, 14-ounce walleye! That is a great fish in anyone's cooler!

The reports sound very good for this season. The Department of Natural Resources says that we should be catching numerous walleye in the 13- to 17-inch class this year. The fish caught Saturday came off planer boards using Storm Thunder Stick Jr. They had the lures back 60 feet; trolling speed was 2.5 miles per hour.

Speed is very important in your presentation. Be sure to note the speed at which your first fish comes on; then try to maintain that speed. If you have a problem maintaining your speed, try an 18inch sea anchor; this has proven to be very effective for a lot of boats that have a speed problem.

South Street Tackle in Belleville reports that the crappie fishermen are doing very well from boats. They are using the jig tipped with a minnow set-up. The bank fishermen are still waiting for the warmer water. Look in the small bay off the Haggerty Road Bridge. When you see a lot of activity there, stop and check it out; that should mean that the bank fishing has finally arrived.

The smelt are still running off the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron, and suckers are also in along the Lake Huron tributaries. If you're planning a sucker trip, make it soon - the run does not last long. Coho are being caught at the St. Joe and Benton Harbor area. Again, please note that weather conditions at this time of year make Lake Michigan unpredictable.

Last but not least: After receiving numerous phone calls from my readers, I must make a correction to my last article: the dam which I referred to as the "Foot Dam" is, in reality, called the "Ford Dam.

Oh, well, nobody's perfect.

... And don't forget - take a kid

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M.D. APPLIANCE SERVICE

\$7.00 Service Call 374-1717 or

782-3354 Refrigerators, Washers, Dryers,

Stoves & Dishwashers

DOMESTIC SERVICE

NEED HELP?

House cleaning & windows. References upon request. Call 941-2624 ask for Terri

SPECIAL SERVICES

CUSTOM CRAFTS MADE AND SOLD

Call or stop by. 18855 Wahrman Romulus, Michigan 753-3906

SALES

APARTMENT SALE

April 23, 24, & 25 (Thursday, Friday, & Saturday). 9 a.m. until ? 2016 Cottrill Lane, Westland (Palmer, west of Wayne Rd.).

ESTATE SALE

Saturday, May 2 from 9 to 5. 20746 Waltz Road **New Boston**

